

the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Virginia Regulatory Program" (Docket No. VA-126-FOR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6219. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Portion of York County, South Carolina within Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, North Carolina-South Carolina 1997 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area; Ozone 2002 Base Year Emissions Inventory" (FRL No. 9673-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6220. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Oregon: Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9673-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6221. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rhode Island; Regional Haze" (FRL No. 9674-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6222. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine; Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9673-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6223. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Baltimore Nonattainment Area Determinations of Attainment of the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Standard" (FRL No. 9674-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6224. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Vermont; Regional Haze" (FRL No. 9674-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6225. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: The 2012 Critical Use Exemption from the Phaseout of Methyl Bromide" (FRL No. 9668-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6226. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch,

Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2012-36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6227. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, certification for the export of defense articles, to include technical data, and defense services related to the export of firearms to the Assistant Inspector General (Training), Special Protection Group of India in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6228. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license to include the export of defense articles, including, technical data, or defense services sold commercially under contract to the Australian Government for installation of AN/PRC-150 and AN/PRC-152 Falcon Radio Systems in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6229. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing assistance agreement to include the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to the United Kingdom for the manufacture of C-17 Globemaster III Transport Aircraft, Wing Trailing Edge Panels and Flap Hinge Fairings in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6230. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a technical assistance agreement to Mexico for the sale of T-6C Trainer Aircraft in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6231. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Mexico for the manufacture of T-16B Inertial Sensor Assemblies (ISAs) and Accelerometer with Higher Level Triad Assembly and associated Circuit Card Assemblies in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6232. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a technical assistance agreement to New Zealand for the sale of 11 SH-2G(I) helicopters in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6233. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6234. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the sale and export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to the Kingdom of Brunei for delivery, operation and maintenance of 12 Si-

korsky S-70i helicopters with an option to purchase an additional 10 Sikorsky S-70i helicopters in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6235. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the notification that groups designated by the Secretary of State as Foreign Terrorist Organizations will be published in the Federal Register; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6236. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a technical assistance agreement to Canada for the manufacture of aft and forward landing gear assemblies, subassemblies, parts and components for the CH-47/MH-47 Chinook Helicopter in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6237. A communication from the Chair, Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to recommendations for improving federally and privately funded Alzheimer's programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6238. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6239. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disaster Assistance; Crisis Counseling Regular Program; Amendment to Regulation" ((RIN1660-AA23)) (Docket No. FEMA-2010-0064) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6240. A communication from the Under Secretary and Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Requirements for Specimens and for Affidavits or Declarations of Continued Use or Excusable Nonuse in Trademark Cases" (RIN0651-AC49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 414. A bill to protect girls in developing countries through the prevention of child marriage, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-170).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2276. A bill to permit Federal officers to remove cases involving crimes of violence to Federal court.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

\*Katharina G. McFarland, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Herbert J. Carlisle, to be General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Michael D. Dubie, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Bobby V. Page, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, to be General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Larry O. Spencer, to be General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Noel T. Jones, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Wayne A. Zimmet, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Theodore C. Nicholas, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Francisco A. Espallat, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. William R. Phillips II, to be Major General.

Army nominations beginning with Brigadier General Leslie J. Carroll and ending with Colonel Michael S. Tuomey, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 8, 2012.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. Thomas D. Waldhauser, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Jon M. Davis, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. Robert E. Schmidle, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. Terry G. Robling, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Col. Burke W. Whitman, to be Brigadier General.

Marine Corps nomination of Brig. Gen. James M. Lariviere, to be Major General.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. John M. Paxton, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. John A. Toolan, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Col. Paul K. Lebidine, to be Brigadier General.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. Robert B. Neller, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. William E. Gortney, to be Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Kurt W. Tidd, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. David H. Buss, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Michelle J. Howard, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Thomas H. Copeman III, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Richard W. Hunt, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Capt. John F. Kirby, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Capt. Brian B. Brown, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Tonya R. Everleth, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Craig W. Hinkley and ending with Chad A. Spellman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 23, 2012.

Air Force nominations beginning with Johann S. Westphall and ending with Eliesa A. Ing, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 23, 2012.

Air Force nominations beginning with Mark J. Batcho and ending with Frederick C. Weaver, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 23, 2012.

Air Force nomination of Robert M. Ague, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Leslie A. Wood and ending with Matthew L. Smith, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 10, 2012.

Air Force nominations beginning with Nathan Barry Alholinna and ending with Craig M. Ziemba, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 10, 2012.

Air Force nomination of James J. Renda, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of August S. Hein, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Christopher J. Mathews and ending with Timothy K. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 14, 2012.

Army nomination of Israel Mercado, Jr., to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Francis J. Evon, Jr. and ending with Mark S. Wellman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 23, 2012.

Army nomination of Chadwick B. Fletcher, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Rhanda J. Brockington and ending with Vickie M. Schnackel, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 10, 2012.

Army nominations beginning with Richard A. Daniels and ending with Daniel J. Holdwick, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 10, 2012.

Army nominations beginning with Andrew C. Gallo and ending with Christa M. Lewis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 10, 2012.

Army nomination of John C. Moffitt, to be Major.

Army nomination of Mimms J. Mabee, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Jonelle J. Knapp, to be Major.

Army nomination of Robert E. Bessey, to be Major.

Army nomination of Laurel A. Thurston, to be Major.

Army nomination of Tina M. Morgan, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Karl W. Hubbard and ending with Benjamin N. Hoffman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 10, 2012.

Army nominations beginning with Joann B. Couch and ending with Richard J. Yoon, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 10, 2012.

Army nomination of Ricardo A. Bravo, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Matthew W. Moffitt, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Nathaniel V. Chittick, to be Major.

Army nomination of Lauri M. Zike, to be Major.

Army nomination of Timothy A. Crane, to be Major.

Army nomination of Ryan L. Jerke, to be Major.

Army nomination of Matthew R. Sun, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Gregory P. Chaney and ending with Lawrence E. Schloegl, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 14, 2012.

Army nominations beginning with Amy F. Cook and ending with Paul S. Tamaribuchi, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 14, 2012.

Army nominations beginning with Michael I. Allen and ending with Matthew S. Wysocki, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 14, 2012.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Martin L. Abreu and ending with Robert C. Zyla, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 1, 2012.

Navy nomination of John D. Wilshusen, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Peter J. Oldmixon, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Guillermo A. Navarro, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Raymond J. Houk, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Jason D. Weddle, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Andrew J. Strickler, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Andrew K. Ledford, to be Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with John L. Grimwood and ending with Robyn M. Treadwell, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 23, 2012.

Navy nominations beginning with Darius V. Ahmadi and ending with Scott D. Woods, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 23, 2012.

Navy nomination of Matthew F. Phelps, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Eric J. Skalski, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Ted J. Steelman, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of David A. Moore, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Steven J. Porter, to be Commander.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 3223. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the reduction in the recognition period for built-in gains for S corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 3224. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent an unfair tax burden for veterans and homeowners who have received assistance from the National